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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Honorable Edward J. King Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House Boston, Massachusetts 02133

#### Dear Governor King:

Inclosed is a copy of the Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam - MA-00929 Phase I Inspection Report, which was prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is presented for your use and is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. A brief assessment is included at the beginning of the report. I have approved the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is a vitally important part of this program.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, the cooperating agency for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, a copy of the report has also been furnished the owner, the City of Worcester.

Copies of this report will be made available to the public, upon request, by this office under the Freedom of Information Act. In the case of this report the release date will be thirty days from the date of this letter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering for your cooperation in carrying out this program.

Sincerely.

Incl
As stated

. Colonel, Corps of Engineers

Division Engineer

# QUINAPOXET RESERVOIR DAM MA 00929

MERRIMACK RIVER BASIN HOLDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

## PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

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#### PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

Identification: MA 00929

Name of Dam: QUINAPOXET RESERVOIR DAM

Town: TOWN OF HOLDEN

County and State: WORCESTER COUNTY

Stream: QUINAPOXET RIVER

Date of Inspection: 29 MAY 1980

#### BRIEF ASSESSMENT -

Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam is approximately 1,050 feet long including the spillway and has a maximum height of approximately 45 feet. It consists of an earth embankment with riprap wave protection at the upstream face and a loamed and seeded crest and downstream face. The outlet works sluice gate operator stand is near the center of the dam and the spillway is near the right abutment of the dam. A low earth dike, approximately 370 ft. long, is located about 1,000 ft. south of dam.

The facility is considered to be in good condition. Evidence of minor seepage was observed on the downstream slope of the dam adjacent to the left wall of the spillway discharge channel.

Based on the size classification, intermediate, and hazard potential classiffcation, high, in accordance with Corps of Engineers Guidelines, the spillway test flood is the Probable Maximum Flood. Hydraulic analyses indicate that the routed test flood outflow of 12,000 cfs (inflow 12,900 cfs or 650 csm) could be passed with a freeboard of about 2.5 ft. and an unused surcharge-storage of about 785 acre-ft. remaining. The principal spillway capacity with water at top of dam is about 175 percent of the routed test flood outflow.

An investigation is recommended to evaluate the significance of the observed evidence of seepage relative to long-term embankment stability. Recommended remedial measures include the removal of brush from the dam and dike, the restoration and periodic reading of the existing piezometers, the replacement of a flashboard brace, the repairs of a wall joint and the resealing of other wall joints. The Owner should develop a formal maintenance program, operational procedure, and emergency procedures plan and should institute a program of biennial technical inspections. The remedial measures and recommendations should be performed as discussed in Section 7 within two years of receipt of this report by the Owner.

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Vice President



This Phase I Inspection Report on Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

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#### PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I Investigations are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the test flood is based on the estimated "probable maximum flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or a fraction thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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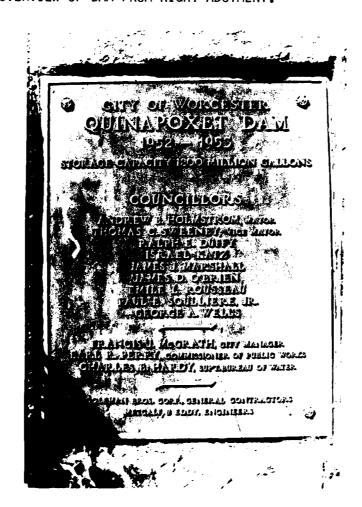
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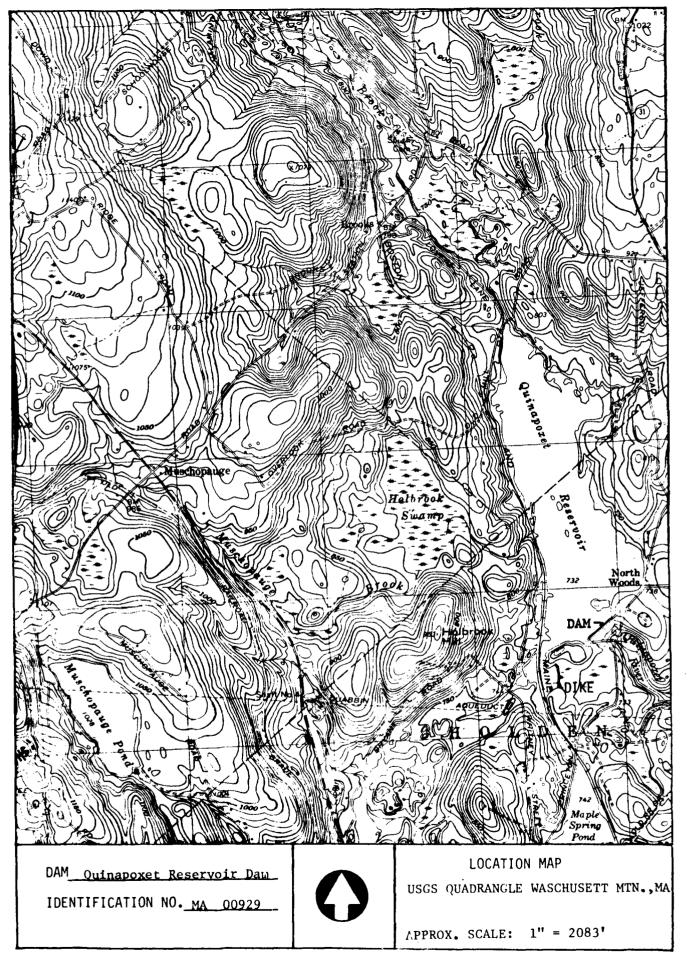
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## NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

#### QUINAPOXET RESERVOIR DAM MA 00929

#### 1.1 General

a. Authority - Public Law 92-367, 8 August 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a national program of dam inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region.

Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of Massachusetts. Authorization and notice to proceed was issued to Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. under a letter of 27 March 1979, from Colonel John P. Chandler, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-79-C-0053 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work. Contract Modification No. P0003, effective 2 May 1980 was subsequently issued by Colonel William E. Hodgson, Jr., Corps of Engineers. Haley and Aldrich, Inc. has been retained by Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. for the soils and geological portions of the work.

- b. Purpose The primary purpose of the investigation is to:
  - (1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-Federal interests.
  - (2) Encourage and assist the States to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-Federal dams.
  - (3) Update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

#### 1.2 Description of Project

a. Location - Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam is located on the west side of Princeton Street in the Town of Holden, Massachusetts, as shown on the report's Location Map. The northern half of the reservoir is located in the Town of Princeton, Massachusetts. The dam impounds the waters of South Wachusett Brook to form Quinapoxet Reservoir. The Quinapoxet River flows from the dam to the Wachusett Reservoir, a distance of approximately 7 miles. The coordinates for the dam are 71 degrees-52.8 minutes longitude and 42 degrees-23.3 minutes latitude.

#### SECTION 6: STRUCTURAL STABILITY

#### 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

- a. <u>Visual Observations</u> No evidence of spillway or embankment instability was observed during the site examination. The apparent local seepage is not, at this time, considered significant with respect to embankment stability.
- b. Design and Construction Data Available documents include:
  - "Memorandum on Design of Dam Section" which summarizes stability and seepage analyses;
  - 2) Plans and Specifications;
  - 3) Construction Progress Reports;
  - 4) a "Final Report" summarizing design and construction.

Based on a review of these records, it is considered that the spillway and embankments should have an adequate margin of safety under static conditions.

- c. Operating Records There are no known operating records, other than State and County inspection reports, to aid in evaluation of the stability of the facility. These reports give no indication of any instability.
- d. <u>Post Construction Changes</u> The original facility was modified by the addition of a stone jetty and reconstruction of the spillway flashboards in 1977. This construction is not considered significant relative to the stability of the facility. Also, the piezometers shown on the plans have apparently been cut off or covered.
- e. Seismic Stability Quinapoxet Reservoir is located within Seismic Zone 2 (a moderate risk area) and in accordance with recommended Corps of Engineers Guidelines, does not warrant seismic analysis.

Dam Failure Analysis - Based on the Corps of Engineers Guidelines for estimating Dam Failure Hydrographs, and assuming a failure would occur along 40 percent of the mid-height length with water at test flood stage, the dam failure outflow would be approximately 89.500 cfs. The project discharge prior to failure would be 12,000 cfs for a combined dam failure outflow of approximately 101.500 cfs. Flooding downstream of the dam prior to a dam failure due to the 12,000 cfs project discharge would overtop each roadway between the dam and Wachusett Reservoir by 1.5-ft. to 4-ft. depth. One house at State Route 31 would be flooded to about 2-ft. above its sill. As a result of a dam failure, substantial domestic development, including several roadways, would be affected with a resulting "high" hazard. In the area between the dam and State Route 31, Princeton Street and Mill Street would be overtopped by about 13 to 15 ft. One house near Princeton Street would be affected by about 4 ft. of water. About 22 houses would be affected near the Route 31 area. In the area around Wachusett River Street which is located about 3,000 ft. downstream of Route 31, another 14 houses would be affected. The street would be overtopped by about 25 ft. of water. Downstream of Wachusett River Street, one railroad embankment and another roadway would be affected before the flood wave would reach the Thomas Basin of the Wachusett Reservoir where the flood wave would attenuate.

is pumped about 2.5 miles from Quinapoxet Reservoir to Kendall Reservoir. The pumps are actuated manually based on water demand and water levels at other reservoirs within the City of Worcester's water supply system. An examination of available records indicated that the highest reservoir level was 0.7 ft. above spillway crest flashboards (El. 733.7 NGVD) on 23 March 1972 as a result of a total of 1.35 inches of rainfall in three days. On 24 January 1979 the reservoir level reached El. 733.5 or 0.5 ft. above spillway crest flashboards, as a result of 6.81 inches of rainfall in seven days. It was noted that about 15 to 25 MGD was being pumped from the reservoir during the period of 20 to 26 January 1979 while little to no water was pumped during March 1972. The August 1955 storm was a significant event in this region but there are no records available relative to the Quinapoxet Reservoir water level. Thus the highest recorded level is 733.7 which indicates a spillway discharge of about 375 cfs.

- d. Visual Observations The visual inspection of the dam was made on 29 May 1980. At the time, the reservoir level was at spillway crest. The freeboard at the dam was 7.0 ft. but only about 5.0 ft. at a natural swale located about 1,000 ft. to the left of the dam and about 5.5 ft. at the dike located about 1,000 ft. to the right of the dam. The spillway, chute and stilling basin were clear of debris. The outlet works sluice gate was closed and no leakage was oberserved. The Owner's representative opened and closed the sluice gate during the inspection of the dam to demonstrate its operability.
- e. Test Flood Analysis Based on the Corps of Engineers Guidelines, the recommended test flood for the size, intermediate, and hazard potential, high, is the PMF (Probable Maximum Flood). The test flood was estimated using the Corps of Engineers "Guidelines for Estimating Maxmimum Probable Discharge in Phase I Dam Safety Investigations". Based on the watershed terrain being undeveloped with moderate to flat slopes and significant upstream storage, a PMF peak inflow rate of 650 cfs per square mile was selected for the 19.85 sq. mi. drainage area. The resulting peak test flood inflow is approximately 12,900 cfs.

Assuming that the flashboards collapse at design reservoir surcharge elevation 734.0 (1-ft. depth over flashboards) the routed test flood outflow is 12,000 cfs at a stage of 737.5. Neither the dam, dike, or swale to the north of the dam would be overtopped. The depth of water over the spillway would be about 6.5 ft. with the flashboards collapsed. The spillway capacity at the test flood elevation is about 12,000 cfs or 100 percent of the routed test flood outflow. The drain capacity at top of flashboards (elevation 733.0) is approximately 430 cfs.

The tailwater analysis indicates that the downstream spillway channel has the hydraulic capacity to carry 12,000 cfs without overtopping its bank. However, the capacity of the bridge at Princeton Street is less than that of the spillway channel. A discharge of 12,000 cfs would overtop Princeton Street by about 2.2 ft. and would flood the toe of the dam by about 2.5 feet.

#### SECTION 5: HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

#### 5.1 Evaluation of Features

- General Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam is an earth embankment located in Holden. Massachusetts and forming a water supply impoundment for the City of Worcester, Massachusetts. The impoundment is fed by South Wachusett Brook and discharges to the Quinapoxet River. The watershed is 19.85 square miles of undeveloped land with flat to moderate slopes and significant upstream storage. At the concrete spillway crest (E1. 731.0 NGVD) the reservoir storage is about 3,424 acre-feet, increasing to 6,174 acre-feet at the top of the dam (E1. 740.0 NGVD). The 200 ft. long spillway has facilities for 2 feet of flashboards which are always in place. The length of the dam, including the spillway, is about 1,050 ft. and the overall height of the dam is about 45 ft. The reservoir drain is a 4-ft. square reinforced concrete conduit located near the center of the dam and controlled from a gate operator on its crest. The dam is basically a high spillage-low surcharge project.
- b. Design Data The following hydraulic/hydrologic design data for the dam was obtained from the 14 September 1953 final report on "The Construction of Quinapoxet Reservoir and Appurtenances" by Metcalf and Eddy Engineers, 50 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114.

Urainage Area 19.85 sq.mi.
Reservoir capacity 1,200 mil. gal.
Water surface area 285 acres
Spillway length 200 ft.
Spillway crest elev El. 731
Height of flashboards 2 ft.
Water surface on collapse of flashboards El. 734
Design flood at spillway 3,300 Sec ft
Design flood per sq.mi. of drainage area 240 Sec ft.

c. Experience Data - The City of Worcester maintains a record of water levels at the Quinapoxet Reservoir. However, it is difficult to correlate rainfall to spillway discharge because water

#### SECTION 4: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

- 4.1 <u>Procedures</u> Water levels are recorded daily and the pumping rates from the reservoir are adjusted accordingly to minimize spillage from the reservoir to the Quinapoxet River.
- 4.2 <u>Maintenance of the Dam</u> There is no established formal maintenance program for this dam. The operator indicated that maintenance is performed on a demand basis. The grass on the slopes is cut once per year and twice per year on the flat areas. The condition of the dike indicates that this structure is not included in this program.
- 4.3 <u>Maintenance of Operating Facilities</u> Two feet of flashboards are maintained year round on the spillway. The reservoir drain is kept normally closed. The gate operator is cranked and greased annually to insure it is kept operable.
- 4.4 <u>Description of Any Warning System in Effect</u> There is no established warning system or emergency preparedness plan in effect for this structure.
- 4.5 <u>Evaluation</u> The dam is currently being operated on a routine basis and maintenance is being performed on the basis of need. The dike should be added to the maintenance work being performed.

The procedures being employed should be compiled in writing and expanded where necessary for ready reference by the operating personnel. It should also contain provisions for the biennial technical inspection of the dam, an emergency preparedness plan and the details of operation of a warning system.

#### c. Appurtenant Structures

- (1) The outlet works is in good condition. The sluice gate was opened slightly during the site examination and then closed as shown in Photos 11 and 12.
- (2) The dike is also in good condition with no observed evidence of embankment settlement, lateral movement or other major deficiencies. The dike however is covered by tall grass, weeds and a significant amount of brush and small trees as shown in Photos 13 and 14.
- d. Reservoir area The Quinapoxet Reservoir is surrounded by moderately sloped hills which are heavily forested. The shore line of the pond is undeveloped and no structures would be affected by the test flood surcharge.

The side slopes to the pond are moderate and there appears to be no significant potential for landslides into the pond which would create waves that might overtop the dam. No conditions were noted that could result in a sudden increase in sediment load into the pond.

- e. <u>Downstream Channel</u> The Quinapoxet River flows from the dam on a moderate slope to the Wachusett Reservoir. The river crosses a pocket of development around the State Route 31 area, but otherwise flows through undeveloped land.
- 3.2 Evaluation The dam, dike and appurtenant structures are considered to be in good condition, based on the visual examination. The evidence of seepage noted on the downstream slope of the dam is not considered serious at this time. However, changes in the quantity or pattern of seepage could be significant relative to the performance of the dam embankment.

SECTION 3: VISUAL INSPECTION

#### 3.1 Findings

a. <u>General</u> - The Phase I visual examination of Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam was conducted on 29 May 1980.

In general, the earthen embankments, spillway and outlet works were observed to be in good condition. The reservoir level at the time of the site examination was at the top of flashboards Elev. 733.0.

Visual inspection checklists for the site visit are included in Appendix A, prior inspection reports in Appendix B, and selected photographs in Appendix C.

- b. <u>Dam</u> The dam and spillway, Photos 1, 8 and 9 appear to be in generally good condition, based on the visual site examination. No evidence of embankment settlement, lateral movement or other major deficiencies was observed. The following specific items were noted:
  - (1) The crest and downstream slope of the dam have good grass cover as shown in Photos 3 and 4. Some brush and small trees are present in the riprap along the upstream slope as shown in Photo 5.
  - (2) A small amount of clear seepage flow (perhaps 1 to 2 gpm) was observed at the base of the riprapped slope, on the left side, just below the end of the spillway stilling basin as shown in Photo 10. This flow is assumed to be from the blanket drain system.
  - (3) A wet area was observed on the downstream slope of the dam, just below the berm about mid-height and adjacent to the spillway left channel wall. The seepage appears to originate near the location of piezometer P-2 as shown on Sheet 4 of the contract drawings (see Appendix B), although the piezometer itself was not found. The wet area extends roughly 50 ft. along the spillway channel to a point where the seepage flows over the channel wall.
  - (4) No piezometers were found on the dam embankment.
  - (5) One of the flashboard braces near the right end of the spillway is missing as shown in the foreground of Photo 7.
  - (6) The side wall joint immediately downstream of the spillway weir at its right end is exhibiting structural distress in the form of cracking, as shown in Photo 6. The sealant at other joints in the spillway side channel, chute and stilling basin is in need of renewal.

#### SECTION 2: ENGINEERING DATA

- 2.1 <u>Design Records</u> Design records in the form of construction plans and a final construction report dated September 14, 1953 by Metcalf & Eddy were located. Plans and specifications for Restoration of the Spillway Flashboards and Construction of a Stone Jetty in 1977 were also located.
- 2.2 <u>Construction Records</u> A final construction report described above is available.
- 2.3 Operational Records The City of Worcester maintains records on rainfall, pumpage from the reservoir, and reservoir water levels. Inspection reports by the County and the Division of Waterways, State of Massachusetts, were also located and are included in Appendix B.

#### 2.4 Evaluation

- a. Availability The construction plans, final construction report and reservoir operation records are available at the City of Worcester DPW Building, 20 E. Worcester St., Worcester, MA.
- b. <u>Validity</u> The available data was in good agreement with conditions observed during the site examination.
- c. Adequacy The available data, in combination with the visual evaluation described in the following section, is adequate for the purpose of the Phase I investigation.

i.	• Spillway		
	(1)	TypeBroad crested side discharge spillway with flashboards, chute and stilling basin	
	(2)	Length of weir200 ft.	
	(3)	Crest elevation a) with flashboards733.0	
		b) without flashboards731.0	
	(4)	GatesNone	
	(5)	U/S ChannelQuinapoxet Reservoir	
	(6)	D/S ChannelConcrete Rectangular channel with varying slope, width and side depth. A 40-ft. long, 8 ft. high concrete impact wall with a 5-ft. V-notch drain forms a stilling basin followed by a riprapped basin prior to the beginning of the Quinapoxet River's natural channel.	
j.	Regu	lating Outlets	
	(1)	Invert: U/S702.0	
		D/S698.4	
	(2)	Size: Box Culvert4-ft. by 4-ft.	
		Length 310-ft.	
	(3)	Description	
	(4)	Control MechanismManually operated Sluice gate (4-ft. sq.) with operator stand at crest of dam.	
	(5)	Other6" dia. gated bypass around sluice gate	

	(2)	Flood control pool	N/A
	(3)	Spillway crest pool	3,424
	(4)	Top of dam	6,174
	(5)	Test flood pool	5,389
f.	Rese	rvoir Surface (acres)	
	(1)	Normal pool	285
	(2)	Flood-control pool	N/A
	(3)	Spillway crest	267
	(4)	Top of dam	343
	(5)	Test flood pool	322
g.	Emba	nkments	
		<u>D am</u>	<u>Dike</u>
	(1)	TypeZoned earth Embankment	Earth Embankment
	(2)	Length1050 ft.	370 ft.
	(3)	Height 45 ft.	7 ft.
	(4)	Top width 20 ft.	20 ft.
	(5)	Side Slopes, Upstream2H to 1V (upper) 2.5H to 1V (lower)	
		Downstream2H to 1V	3H to 1V
	(6)	Zoning"Impervious"  core with "per- vious" shells	None
	(7)	Impervious Core	None
	(8)	CutoffCore extends to rock	None
	(9)	Grout curtainNone	None
h.	Dive	ersion and Regulating Tunnel	None

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	(5)	Gated Spillway capacity at normal pool elevationN/A
	(6)	Gated spillway capacity at test flood elevationN/A
	(7)	Total spillway capacity at test flood elevation: 12,000 cf @ 737.5 elev.
	(8)	Total Project discharge at test flood elevation: 12,000 cf @ 737.5 elev.
c.	<u>Elev</u>	ation (ft. above NGVD)
	(1)	Streambed at centerline of dam695.0
	(2)	Test flood tailwater709.7
	(3)	Upstream portal invert diversion tunnelN/A
	(4)	Normal pool733.0
	(5)	Full flood control pool
	(6)	Spillway crest a. with flashboards733.0
		b. without flashboards731.0
	(7)	Design surcharge (Original Design)Unknown
	(8)	Top of dam740.0
	(9)	Test flood surcharge737.5
d.	Leng	th of Reservoir (miles estimated)
	(1)	Normal pool1.4
	(2)	Flood control poolN/A
	(3)	Spillway crest pool1.2
	(4)	Top of dam1.7
	(5)	Test flood pool1.6
e.	Stor	age (acre-feet)
	(1)	Normal pool

Normal Operating Procedure - Maintenance at the dam is performed on a routine basis. There is a caretaker permanently assigned to the City of Worcester's reservoir system who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility. The grass is cut at least once a year and the outlet works manual sluice gate operator is greased and tested each year. Two feet of flashboards are maintained on the spillway crest year round and require no adjustment. A pump station, located on the west bank of the reservoir, is manually regulated to optimize pumpage from Quinapoxet Reservoir to Kendall Reservoir and thus into the City of Worcester's water distribution system.

#### 1.3 Pertinent Data

Elevations given in this report are on National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) formerly referred to as Mean Sea Level.

- a. <u>Drainage Area</u> The drainage area tributary to the dam site is 19.85 square miles. The watershed is flat and undeveloped except for some scattered houses. The undeveloped land is heavily forested with swampy areas throughout. Muschopauge Pond, which is part of the Quinapoxet Reservoir drainage area, is used as a water supply to the Towns of Rutland and Holden. The Quinapoxet Reservoir accounts for approximately 2 percentage of the total drainage area.
- b. Discharge at Dam Site The City of Worcester takes daily readings of the reservoir water level together with daily pumping rates from the reservoir and daily readings of precipitation. An examination of these records indicates that the reservoir level is kept at top of flashboards (El. 733.0.NGVD) or below, even during periods of high precipitation. The highest recorded reservoir level is El. 733.7, occuring on 23 March 1972, apparently as a result of all other City of Worcester reservoirs being full at the time so that no pumpage was occurring. The precipitation for the period of 21 to 23 March 1972 was 1.35-inches. A reservoir level of El. 733.7 would result in an estimated discharge of 375 cfs.
  - (1) Outlet works size: 4-ft. by 4-ft. reinforced concrete box culvert. Discharge capacity at top of flashboards is approximately 430 cfs.
  - (2) Maximum known flood at damsite: 375 cfs (Est.) on 23 March 1972.
  - (3) Ungated spillway capacity at top of dam: 21,000 cfs @ 740 elev.
  - (4) Ungated spillway capacity at test flood elevation: 12,000 cfs @ 737.5 elev.

lined circular basin under the masonry Princeton Street Bridge and into the original Quinapoxet River bed.

The outlet works consist of a 4-ft. by 4-ft. reinforced concrete box culvert which extends 310-ft. from its intake structure, through a sluice gate chamber, to the spillway stilling basin. The sluice gate chamber and manual gate operator are located near the center of the dam. A gated 6-in. diameter sluice gate bypass is located at the invert of the gate chamber which may be used to maintain a flow in the Quinapoxet River when the reservoir level is below spillway crest and the sluice gate is closed. The outlet works' intake is a reinforced concrete special structure which incorporates a flared inlet with provision for stoplogs.

- c. Size Classification The maximum height of the dam is approximately 45 feet and the estimated total storage capacity at the top of the dam is 6,174 acre-feet. According to guidelines established by the Corps of Engineers, the dam is classified in the intermediate category based on both storage capacity and height.
- d. <u>Hazard Classification</u> The results of the dam failure analysis indicate that about 35 homes would be affected by water depths of 1 to 15 ft. and the potential loss of life would be in excess of 10 persons. Consequently, the dam is classified in the "high" hazard category.
- e. Ownership The dam is owned by the City of Worcester. The owner is represented by Mr. Richard Grant, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, 20 East Worcester Street, Worcester, MA 01608, tel. (617) 798-8151.
- f. Operator Mr. Kenneth Starbard is assigned responsibility for operation of the dam. His business address is Kendall Reservoir, South Road, Holden, MA 01520, tel. (617) 829-4811.
- g. Purpose of the Dam Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam provides for water supply storage to the City of Worcester. Water from the Quinapoxet Reservoir is pumped to Kendall Reservoir and eventually to the City of Worcester water distribution system. The water which discharges over the spillway enters the Quinapoxet River and becomes part of the Metropolitan District Commission's Water Supply through the Wachusett Reservoir.
- h. Design and Construction History The dam was designed in 1952 and was essentially complete by mid-July 1953. Impoundment of water was started on 6 July 1953. The original facility was modified by the addition of a stone jetty and reconstruction of spillway flashboards in 1977. According to Worcester County records a former dam located approximately 2,400-ft. upstream of the site of the existing facility and which impounded only South Wachusett Brook to form Quinapoxet Pond was destroyed by City on 1 August 1952.

b. <u>Description of Dam and Appurtenances</u> - Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam consists of a zoned earth embankment, with an outlet conduit extending beneath the center of the dam and a concrete spillway structure located at the right abutment. There is also a low earth dike extending across a natural saddle, roughly 1,000 ft. beyond the right abutment of the main dam. The general layout of the dam, dike and appurtenant structures is shown on the location plan included in Appendix C.

The embankment is about 1,050 ft. long (including spillway), has a maximum height of 45 ft., and is 20 ft. wide at the crest. The grass-covered downstream slope is 2H to 1V, with a 6-ft. wide berm at mid-height. The upstream slope is 2H to 1V near the crest and flattens to 2-1/2H to 1V, 17 ft. below the crest. Riprap wave protection extends to the crest on the upstream side.

The embankment consists of two zones. The central core zone consists of compacted impervious glacial till which extends to bedrock. The other zone consists of upstream and downstream shells which are composed of clean, well-graded gravel with a sand binder. Sheet 10A of 18 of the contract drawings (included in Appendix B) shows the embankment section as described in the Designer's Final Report. It should be noted that embankment sections on other sheets show a zone of "random material" which was not actually placed. Also, the Designer's Final Report states that excess material from the spillway excavation was spread on the upstream toe.

A horizontal blanket drain is located beneath the downstream portion of the embankment and extends downstream from the middle section of the dam. The drain consists of layers of "selected pervious material" and "washed stone", with a system of collector pipes which discharge collected seepage near the downstream end of the spillway channel. According to available plans, eight (8) piezometers were installed during the original construction to monitor seepage conditions within the embankment.

The dike is a homogeneous earth embankment 370 ft. long, 7 ft. high, and 20 ft. wide at the crest. Side slopes are 3H to 1V upstream and downstream. The dike slopes are grass and brush covered, with no riprap.

The 200 ft. long concrete spillway consists of a 4 ft. wide horizontal crest with a 4H to 1V sloped riprap upstream face and a 2.8H to 1V sloped concrete downstream face. Two feet of flash-boards are maintained on the crest of the dam year round. The flashboards consist of eight (8), 25-ft. long hinged sections which are held in place by special bolts designed to fail when the reservoir has a side channel discharge which conveys the flow to an 8-ft. high, 25' wide channel chute and then to a stilling basin. The stilling basin varies in width from 25 to 40 feet and has side wall heights of up to 20 feet at the end. The stilling basin is formed by a concrete impact wall which incorporates a v-notch drain designed to prevent the formation of ice within the stilling basin. Flow from the stilling basin is channeled by a riprapped

#### SECTION 7: ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

#### 7.1 Dam Assessment

- a. Condition Based on the visual examination and review of available records, the dam is considered to be in good condition. While some evidence of local seepage was noted, no conditions which would require urgent remedial action were observed.
- b. Adequacy of Information The evaluation of the dam has been based on the visual examination, consideration of available documents and past performance, and application of engineering judgement. Generally, the information available or obtained has been adequate for the purposes of the Phase I assessment. However, it is recommended that additional information relative to embankment seepage be obtained as outlined in Section 7.2.
- c. <u>Urgency</u> The recommendations for an additional investigation and remedial measures, outlined in Sections 7.2 and 7.3, respectively, should be undertaken by the Owner within two years after receipt of this report.

#### 7.2 Recommendations

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It is recommended that the Owner arrange for the following investigation to be performed by a registered professional engineer experienced in dam design and construction:

1) Evaluate the significance of the observed evidence of seepage relative to long-term embankment stability, and assess the need for corrective action. Piezometers should be located and restored to service where possible. Criteria should be established for monitoring of restored piezometers by the Owner. The Owner should implement corrective action as required, based on the results of the evaluation.

#### 7.3 Remedial Measures

- Operation and Maintenance Procedures The following remedial work should be undertaken by the Owner:
  - (1) Remove brush from dam and dike. Mow both embankments at least once a year to permit visual inspection.

- (2) Periodic readings should be made on any piezometers that can be restored. This data would provide a useful check of embankment and drainage system performance.
- (3) Replace the missing flashboard brace near the right end of the spillway weir.
- (4) Repair the cracked wall joint immediately downstream of the right end of the spillway weir and reseal other joints in the spillway, chute and stilling basin walls.
- (5) Establish a formal maintenance program and operational procedures for the dam.
- (6) Prepare a formal emergency procedures plan and warning system in cooperation with downstream officials and institute a program of biennial technical inspections.
- 7.4 <u>Alternatives</u> There are no practical alternatives recommended.

## APPENDIX A

## INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST	
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# VISUAL INSPECTION PARTY ORGANIZATION NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

: 29 May 1980	<del></del>
: 1:00 PM	
HER: Sunny	
R SURFACE ELEVATION UPSTREAM:	333 (NGVD)
AM FLOW: Minor (wave action	and some leakage through flashboards)
ECTION PARTY:	
Roger H. Wood, CDM	
Joseph E. Downing, CDM	
Joseph R. Araujo, CDM	
Douglas G. Gifford. H&A	
John Critchfield, H&A	<del></del>
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Structural/Operations	Roger Wood
Hydraulics/Hydrology	Joseph Downing and Joseph Araujo
Embankments	Douglas Gifford and John Critchfield

## VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam DATE: 29 May 1980 DAM: EMBANKMENT: DAM CHECK LIST CONDITION 1. Upstream Slope 1. a. Few saplings among riprap stones. a. Vegetation Sloughing or Erosion b. None apparent. Riprap (cobbles to 2 ft. stones) ex-Rock Slope Protection tends to crest. Good condition. Riprap Failures None observed. Animal Burrows d. 2. Crest Grass. Vegetation a. a. None observed. b. Sloughing or Erosion b. C. None observed. Surface cracks None apparent. Movement or Settlement 3. Downstream Slope Grass. a. Vegetation a. Sloughing or Erosion b. None observed. b. Surface Cracks C. None observed. C. d. None observed. Animal Burrows d. e. None apparent. Movement or Cracking near Noted wet area below berm, near spilltoe way. Wet and soggy, no apparent flow. f. Unusual Embankment or Spillway wall also wet. Downstream Seepage None observed. g. Piping or Boils g. Foundation Drainage Features | h,i D/S drainage blanket with collection pipe. Toe Drains General a. None apparent. a. Lateral Movement Crest appears level except slightly b. Vertical Alignment higher near gate valve. Horizontal Alignment C. c. Good. Condition at Abutments and d. Apparent lateral movement of retaining at Structures Indications of Movement of wall at right end of spillway, with associated backfill settlement. Structural Items See 4d. **Trespassing** e. f. Infrequent, locked gate. f. Instrumentation Systems Piezometers shown on plan but not located in field.

## VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST

NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM				
	AM: <u>Ouinapoxet Reservoir Dam</u> MBANKMENT: <u>DIKE</u>	DATE: <u>29 May 1980</u>		
C	HECK LIST	CONDITION		
1	<ul> <li>Upstream Slope</li> <li>a. Vegetation</li> <li>b. Sloughing or Erosion</li> <li>c. Rock Slope Protection -         Riprap Failures</li> <li>d. Animal Burrows</li> </ul>	<ul><li>l.</li><li>a. Grass, weeds, brush.</li><li>b. None apparent.</li><li>c. No riprap.</li><li>d. None observed.</li></ul>		
2	<ul> <li>Crest         <ul> <li>Vegetation</li> <li>Sloughing or Erosion</li> <li>Surface cracks</li> <li>Movement or Settlement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul><li>2.</li><li>a. Grass, weeds, brush.</li><li>b. None observed.</li><li>c. None observed.</li><li>d. None apparent.</li></ul>		
3	<ul> <li>Downstream Slope</li> <li>a. Vegetation</li> <li>b. Sloughing or Erosion</li> <li>c. Surface Cracks</li> <li>d. Animal Burrows</li> <li>e. Movement or Cracking near toe</li> <li>f. Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage</li> <li>g. Piping or Boils</li> <li>h. Foundation Drainage Features</li> <li>i. Toe Drains</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3.</li> <li>a. Brush and trees.</li> <li>b. None observed.</li> <li>c. None observed.</li> <li>d. None observed.</li> <li>e. None apparent.</li> <li>f. Swampy area downstream.</li> <li>g. None observed.</li> <li>h. None.</li> <li>i. None.</li> </ul>		
4	a. Lateral Movement b. Vertical Alignment c. Horizontal Alignment d. Condition at Abutments and at Structures e. Indications of Movement of Structural Items f. Trespassing g. Instrumentation Systems	4. a. None apparent. b. Good. c. Good. d. Good. e. No structural items. f. Infrequent. g. None		

# VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

DAM: Quinapoxet Reservoir Dam SPILLWAY:	DATE: 29 May 1980
CHECK LIST	CONDITION
1. Approach Channel a. General Condition b. Obstructions c. Log Boom etc.	1. a. Good condition. b. None. c. None observed.
2. Weir a. Flashboards b. Weir Elev. Control (Gate) c. Vegetation d. Seepage or Efflorescence e. Rust or Stains f. Cracks g. Condition of Joints h. Spalls, Voids or Erosion i. Visible Reinforcement j. General Struct. Condition	a. Two feet, brace at right end missing. b. Flashboards only. c. None observed. d. Flow precludes evaluation. e. Flow precludes evaluation. f. None observed. g. Flow precludes evaluation. h. Flow precludes evaluation. i. None observed. j. Good.
3. Discharge Channel a. Apron b. Stilling Basin c. Channel Floor d. Vegetation e. Seepage f. Obstructions g. General Struct. Condition	<ul> <li>3.</li> <li>a. Good condition.</li> <li>b. Good condition.</li> <li>c. Good conditon.</li> <li>d. None observed.</li> <li>e. None observed.</li> <li>f. All structures clear.</li> <li>g. Good.</li> </ul>
4. Walls a. Wall Location (1) Vegetation (2) Seepage or Efflorescence (3) Rust or Stains (4) Cracks (5) Condition of Joints (6) Spalls, Voids or Erosion (7) Visible Reinforcement (8) General Struct. Condition	<ul> <li>4. a. All Spillway Walls (1) No major condition observed. (2) Efflorescence right side intake wall. (3) None observed. (4) Cracked joint right side D/S of weir. Possible diagonal cracks right side U/S of weir. (5) See (4), a number of joints have no sealant. (6) See (4) for spalls, no major erosion. (7) None observed. (8) Good.</li> </ul>

#### VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

CHECK LIST	CONDITION
1. Inlet a. Obstructions b. Channel c. Structure d. Screens e. Stop Logs f. Gates	l. Not visible, under water.
<ul> <li>Control Facility</li> <li>a. Structure</li> <li>b. Screens</li> <li>c. Stop Logs</li> <li>d. Gates</li> <li>e. Conduit</li> <li>f. Seepage or Leaks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2.</li> <li>a. Visible portion in good condition.</li> <li>b. None observed.</li> <li>c. None observed.</li> <li>d. Manual, operational.</li> <li>e. Not visible.</li> <li>f. None observed.</li> </ul>
<ul><li>3. Outlet</li><li>a. Structure</li><li>b. Erosion or Cavitation</li><li>c. Obstructions</li><li>d. Seepage or Leaks</li></ul>	<ul> <li>3.</li> <li>a. Opening in stilling basin wall, good condition.</li> <li>b. None observed.</li> <li>c. None observed.</li> <li>d. None observed.</li> </ul>
4. Mechanical and Electrical a. Crane Hoist b. Hydraulic System c. Service Power d. Emergency Power e. Lighting f. Lightning Protection	4. a. Not applicable. b. Not applicable. c. Manually operated. d. Not applicable. e. Not applicable. f. Not applicable.
5. Other	

#### APPENDIX B

#### ENGINEERING DATA

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<sup>\*</sup> Inspection Reports on former dam located upstream of existing facility are included for their historic and hydrologic content.

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS

# QUINAPOXET RESERVOIR

## DOCUMENT

- Complete Set of Design Drawings, and a Final Construction Report.
- Design Drawings, Final Construction Report, and Operating Records.
- Design Drawings and Monthly Construction Reports.
- 4. Plans and Specifications for Restoration of Spillway Flashboards and Construction of a Stone Jetty in 1977.

## LOCATION

Metcalf & Eddy Engineers 54 Staniford Street Boston, MA

City of Worcester DPW Building 20 E. Worcester Street Worcester, MA 01608

Worcester County County Court House Worcester, MA Coffin & Richardson 141 Milk Street Boston, MA 02109

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## WORCESTER COUNTY ENGINEER Inspection of Dams, Reservoir Dams, and Reservoirs

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SPILLWAY 70' wide with	rock apron. Remai	se Impounding one masonry on pond side. ins of few flashboard, catwalkEl.ApronEl.St.Bed_stay
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Evidence of Leaks in Et	ructure	
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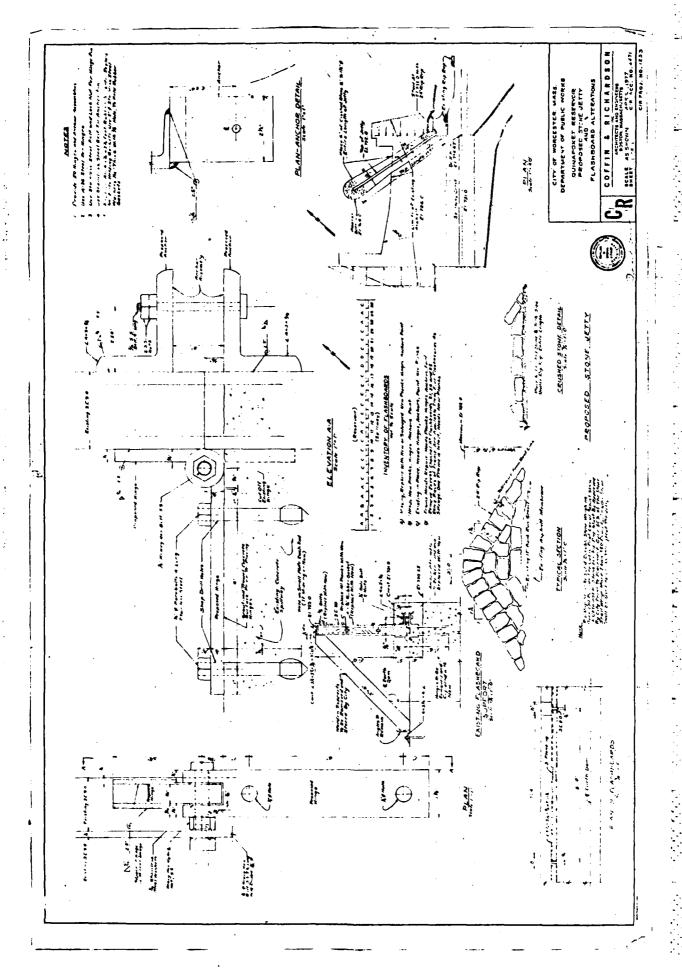
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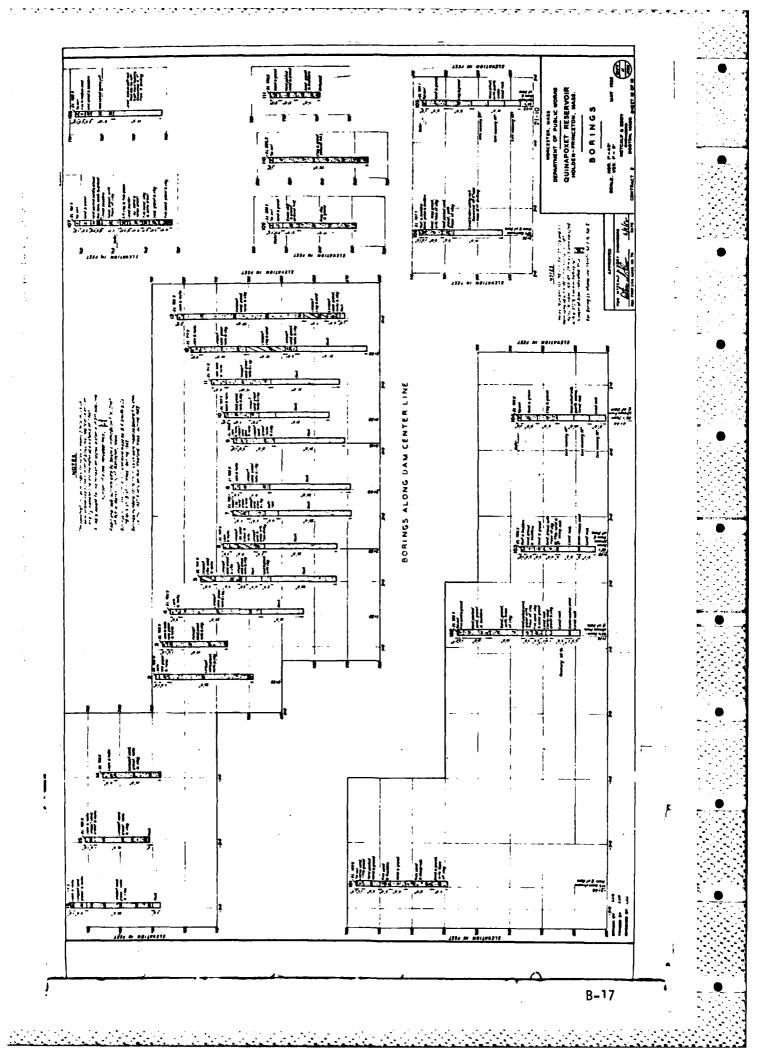
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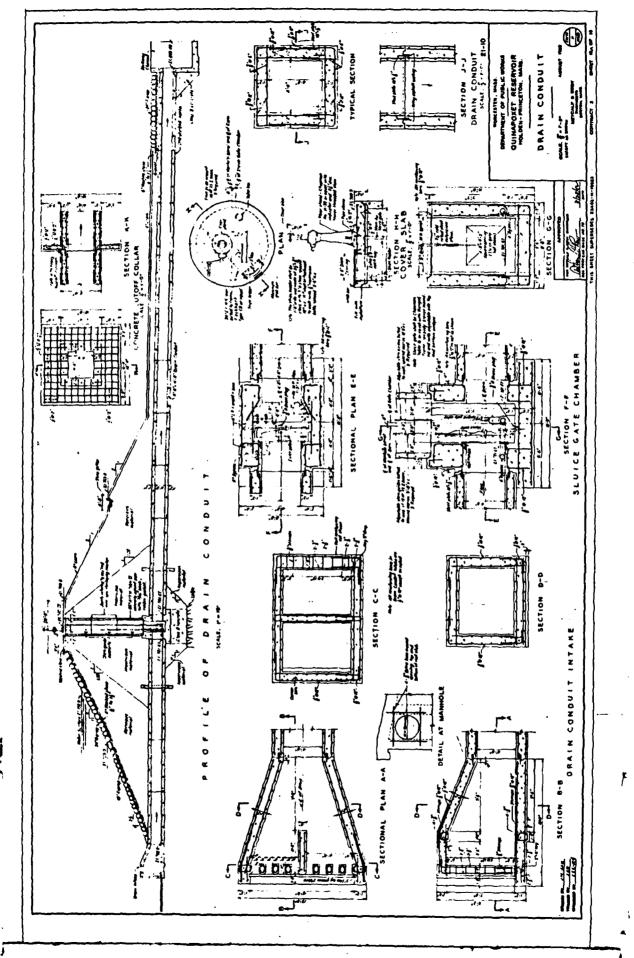
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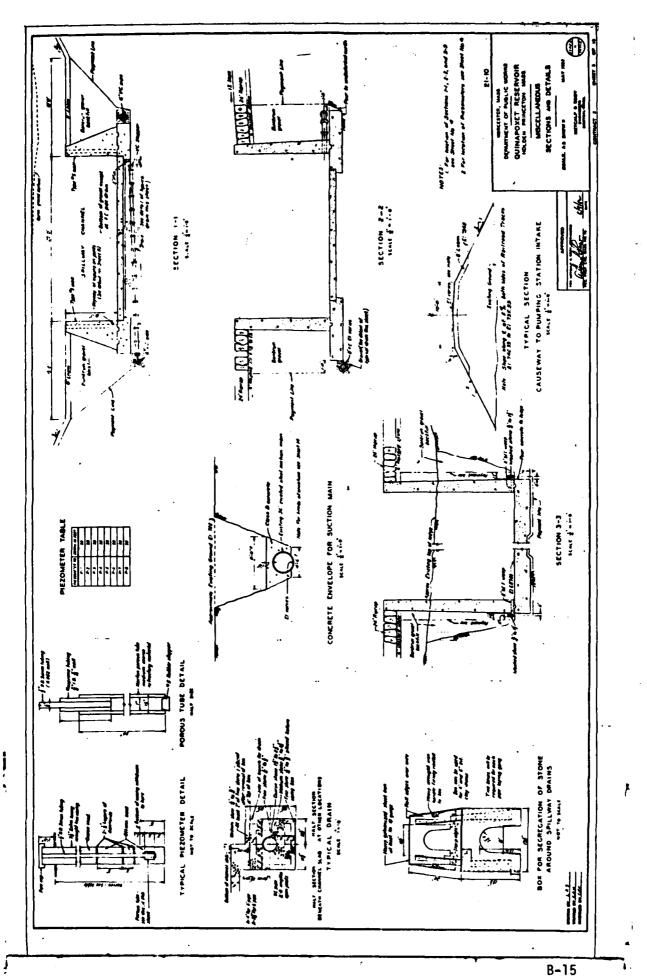
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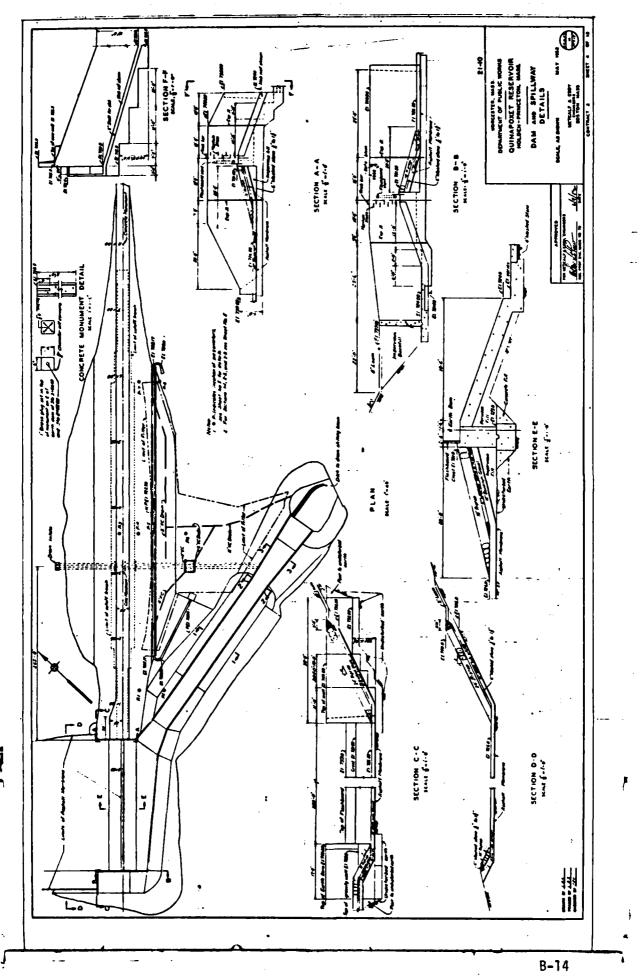
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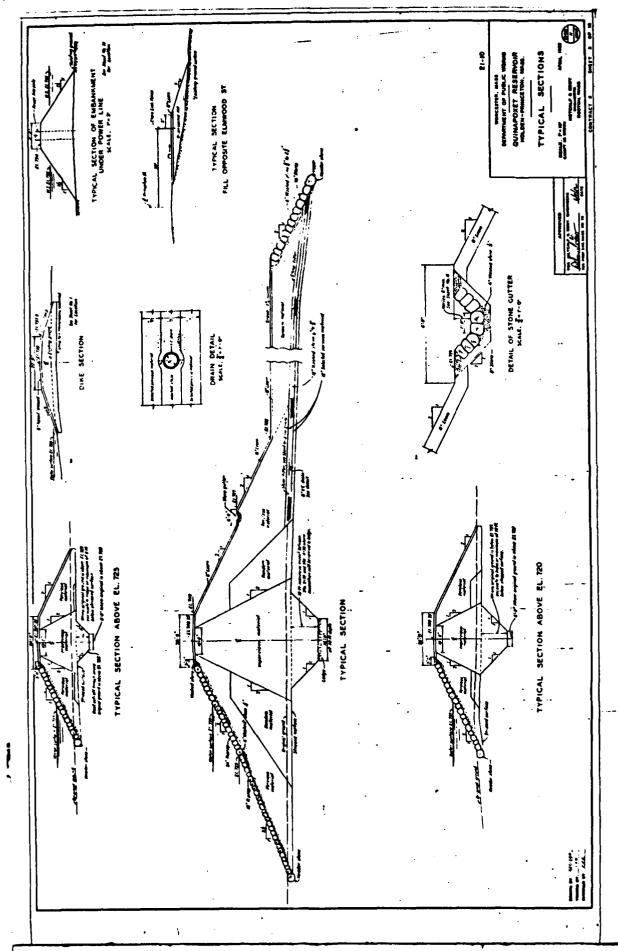




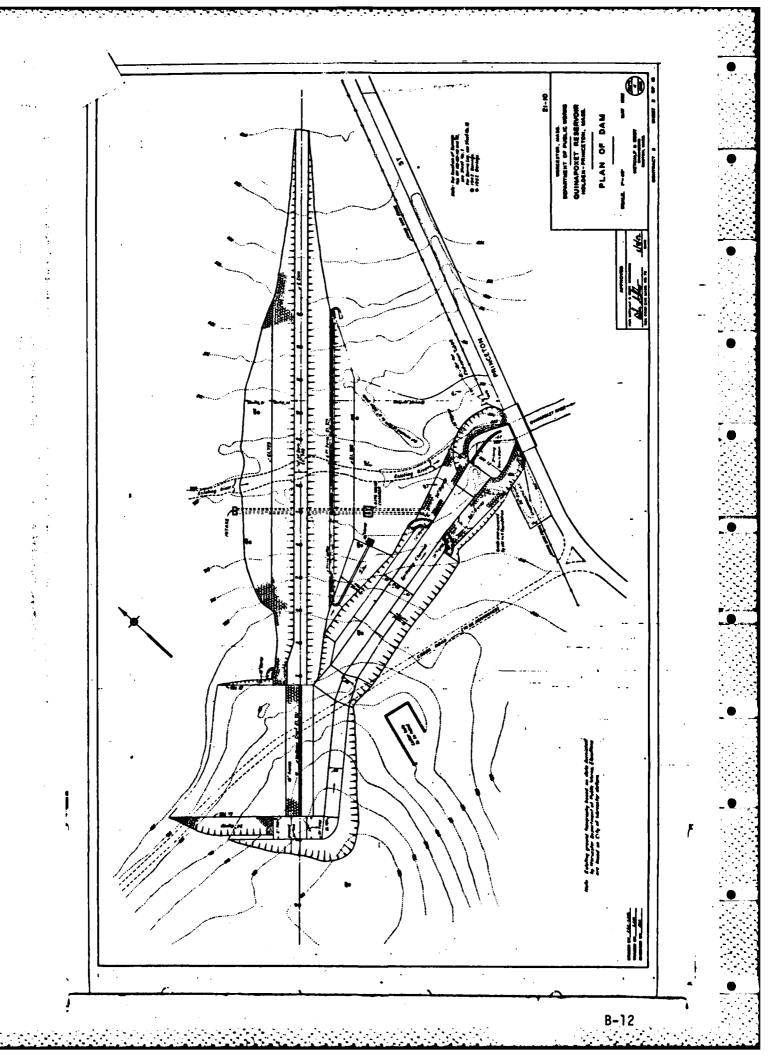








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TOWN	Holden	DAM NO.	2/-10	Name
LOCATION	be side of Princeton St.	STREAM	inapoxet	Liver
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	DAM INSPEC	TION RE	PORI	
Owned by	City of Worcaster	Place Water	Dept. Use	Leservoir
Inspected by	wol	Date _	June 1.	1965.
Type of Dam	Concrete - Earth	Condit	ion <u>Good</u>	
SPILLWAY				
Flashboards in	n Place z'of boar	A Recent	Repairs	
Condition	bord (Pon	die fell to +	bo of board	ś. )
Repairs Needed	1	·		
	Dam constructed in	1952-1953		
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GATES				•
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LEAKS				
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TOWN Holden	DAM NO. 2/-04-
LOCATION Quiapexet Res.	STREAM
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Burequ of Water	TION REPORT
Owned by City of Warcester	Place Holden UseUse
Inspected by Lleyd Starbord -	L.O.M. Date May 25, 1960.
Type of Dam	Oondition
SPILLWAY	
Flashboards in Place Yes	Recent Repairs
Condition	
Repairs Needed	
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Repairs Needed None	
Leaks	
How Serious None	
	DATE: May 25, 1960
	DATE: May 25, 1960  County Engineer

TOWN	Holden	DAM NO.	21-10
		STREAM	Quinapore Piper
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SPILLWAY			
Flashboards	in Place	Recer	t Repairs
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TOWN	Holden	
LOCATION	Avina poxet	

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### WORCESTER COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

DAM INSPECTION REPORT					•	
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INSPECTED BY	LOM	DATE	Oct. 1	2, 1950	********************************	······································
TYPE OF DAM	Mors. Water Long Earth. Stone of	& Conc. Sp.	lhrang	CONDITION	6001	•
SPILLWAY						
FLASHBO	ARDS IN PLACE		RECENT	T REPAIRS		***************************************
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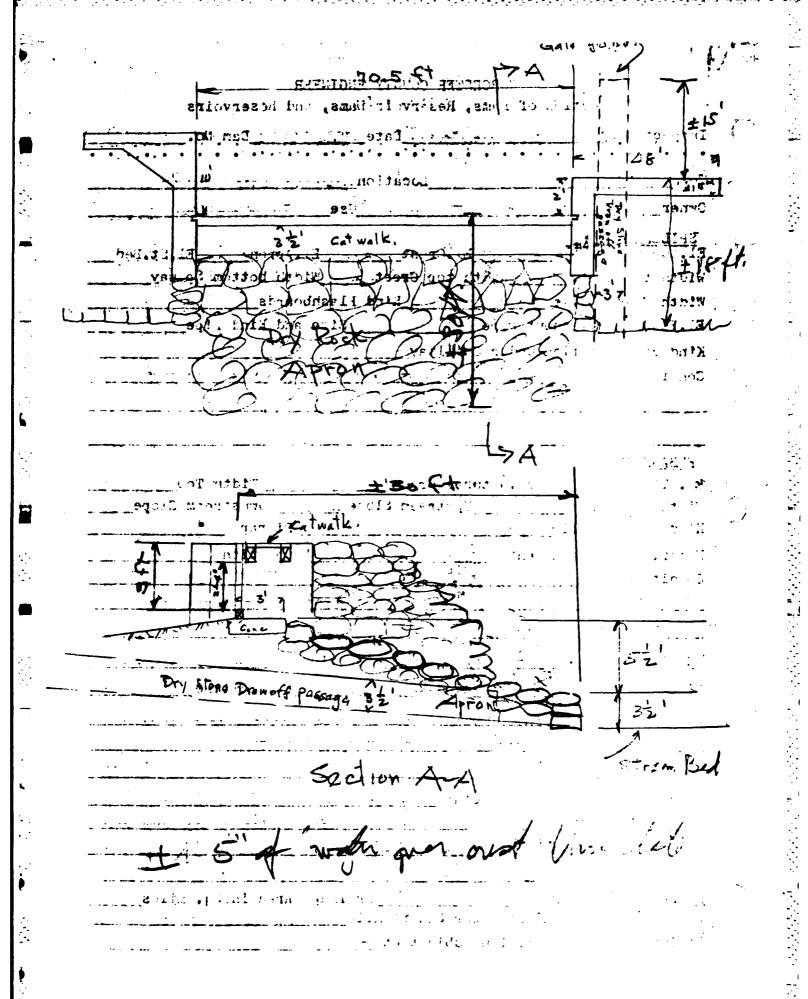
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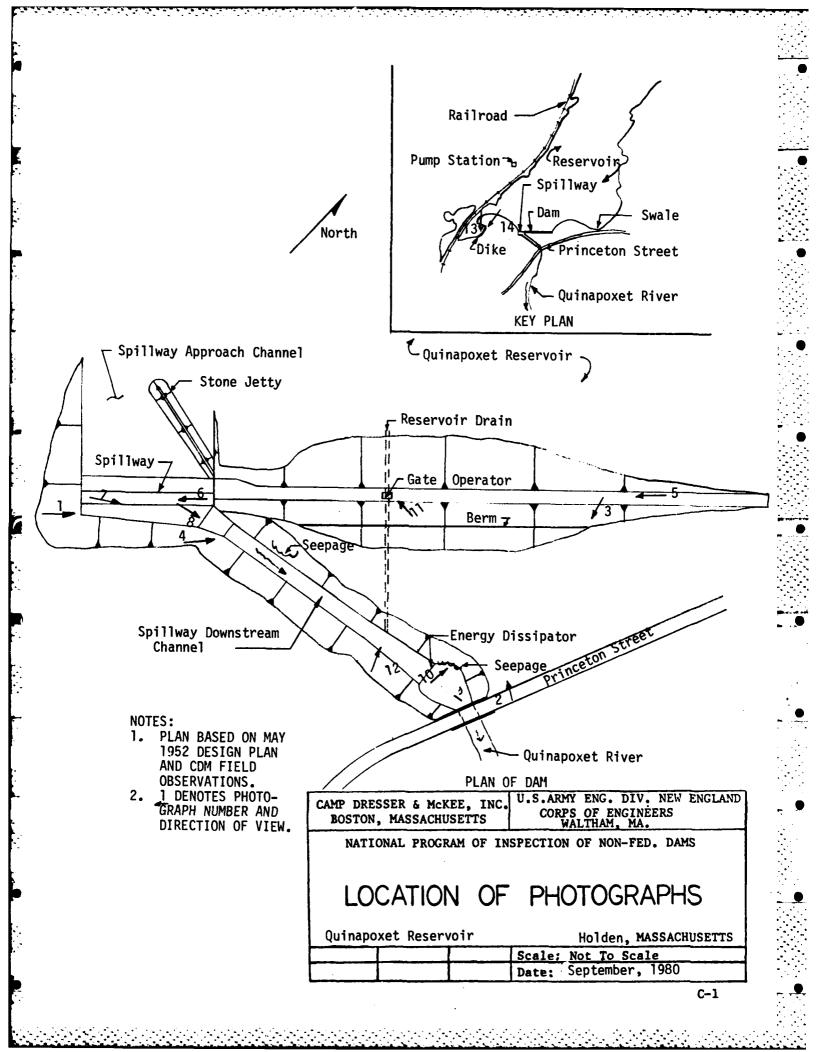
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#### DAM INSPECTION REPORT

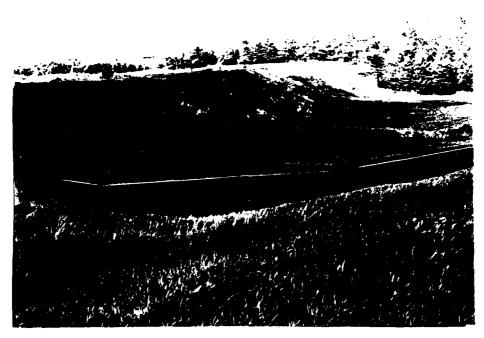
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BPILLWAY			
FLASHBOARDS IN PLACE	18#	RECENT REPAIRS	1942
CONDITION	Good -r	new apron 1942	
REPAIRS NEEDED New Cat	twalk stringer	s below catwalk	top-reduce are
spillway.			
MBANKMENT			
RECENT REPAIRS	none		
CONDITION	4		
REPAIRS NEEDED	none		
BATES			
RECENT REPAIRS	none	•••••	
CONDITION	good		
REPAIRS NEEDED	none		
EAKS		,	
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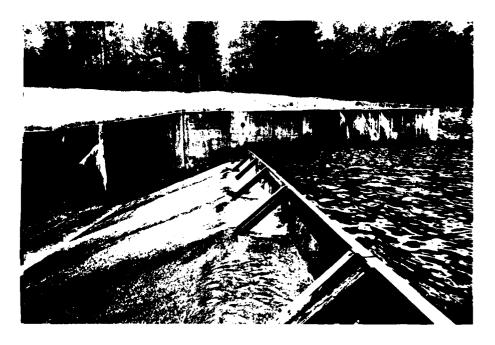
3. VIEW OF DAM AND SPILLWAY DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL FROM LEFT ABUTMENT.



4. DOWNSTREAM FACE OF DAM FROM RIGHT ABUTMENT SHOWING SPILLWAY DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL IN FOREGROUND.



5. CREST AND UPSTREAM FACE OF DAM FROM LEFT ABUTMENT.



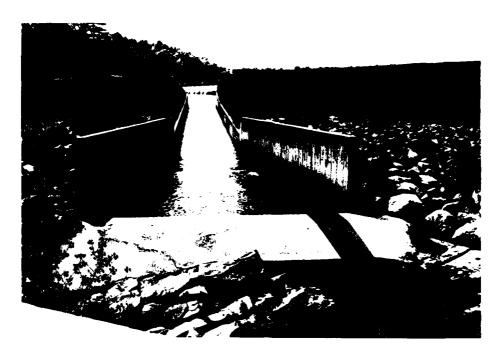
6. VIEW OF RIGHT SIDE OF SPILLWAY.



7. VIEW OF SPILLWAY AND SPILLWAY LEFT ABUTMENT.



8. SPILLWAY DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL WITH PRINCETON STREET BRIDGE SHOWN AT END OF SPILLWAY CHANNEL.



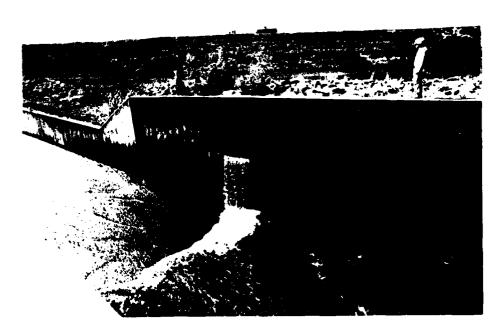
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10. SEEPAGE AT RIPRAP TO THE LEFT OF THE STILLING BASIN SILL.



11. RESERVOIR DRAIN GATE OPERATOR ON DAM CREST. PUMP HOUSE IS VISIBLE ON FAR SIDE OF RESERVOIR.



12. PHOTO OF RESERVOIR DRAIN OUTLET AT SPILLWAY CHANNEL. STILLING BASIN TAKEN DURING TEST OPERATION OF DRAIN.



13. UPSTREAM FACE OF DIKE FROM ITS LEFT ABUTMENT.

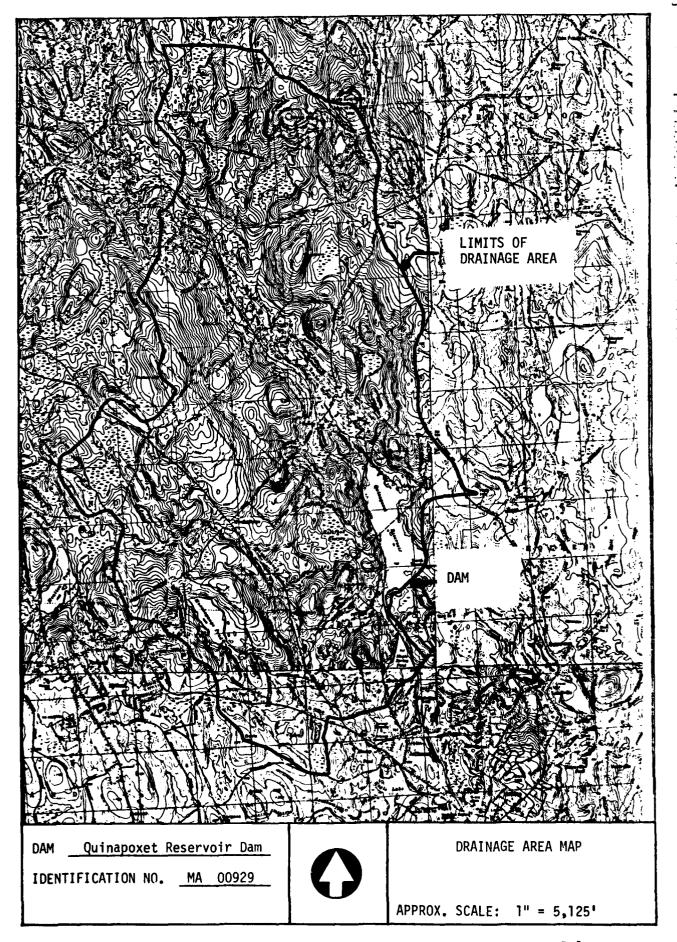


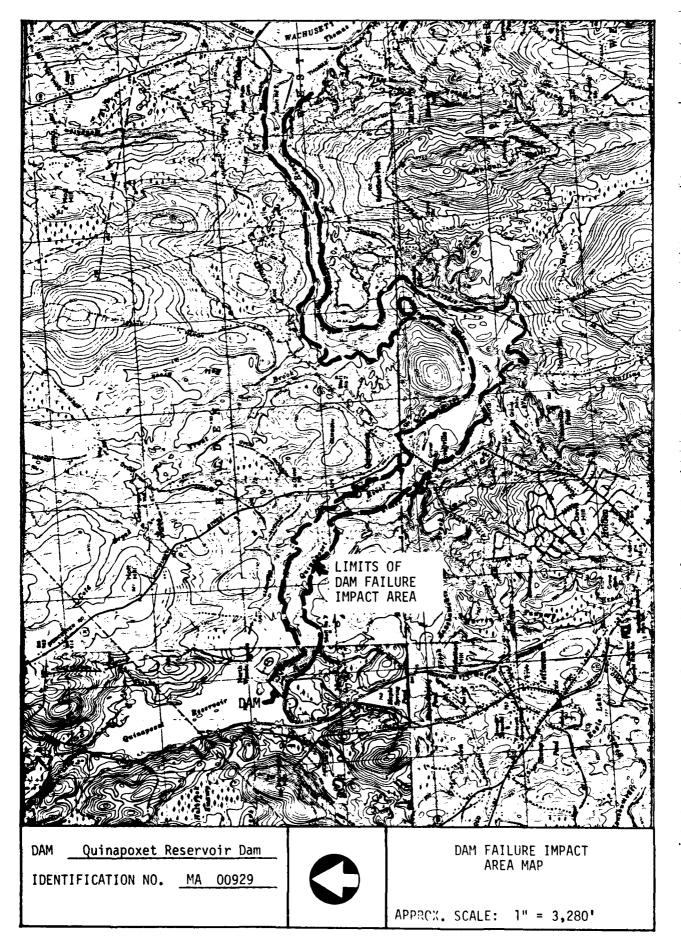
14. CREST OF DIKE FROM LEFT ABUTMENT. NOTE TREES GROWING ON THE DOWNSTREAM FACE.

#### APPENDIX D

#### HYDRAULIC AND HYDROLOGIC COMPUTATIONS

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#### ELEVATIONS

All elevations based on National Vertical Geodetic Datum (NGVD)

Concrete Spillway Crest Wflashboards 739.0; Wout flashboards 731.0

Top of Dam 740.0

Top of Dike (Located to the right of the dam) 738.5

Top of Swale on Prime ton Street (Located to the left of the dam) 738.0

Toe of Dame natural ground @ end of spillway channel near Princeton Street 695.0

#### SURFACE AREAS

Drainage Area = 12,705 acres = 19.85 square noiles (from MIE)

Reservoir Surface Areas:

@El. 731.0 = 267 acres (from 1953 Mekalf & Eddy Report)

@El. 733.0 = 285 acres

@El. 740.0 = 343 acres (Determined by CDM)

@El. 750.0 = 418 acres

#### POOL STORAGE VOLUMES

@ spillway Crest El. 731.0, storage = 3424 acre-feet (from MyErecorf)

@ El. 733.0, storage = 3424+ (267+285) 2=3976 acre-feet

@ El. 740.0, storage = 3976+(285+343) 7 = 6/74 acre-feet (Top of Oam)

@ El. 750.0, storage = 6/74+(343+428) 10 = 10,029 acre-feet

#### TEST FLOOD DETERMINATION

Based on an hydroclic height of 45 feet and a storage at top of down (El. 740.8) of 6,174 acre-feet the size classification is INTERNEDIATE, according to COE quidelines.

The dam fallure analysis on pages 5-7 indicates a HIGH hazard classification.

Therefore, based on COE guidelines, the test flood is the PMF.

The drainage area is undeveloped, except for some scattered houses throughout the drainage area. It is heavily forested with swampy areas scattered throughout. Muschopauge Pond, located northeast of Quinapoxet Reservoir, is part of the drainage area to Quinapoxet Reservoir but serves as a water supply to Rutland and Holden. Therefore, relative to safe lyield the drainage area to Muschopauge Pond (378 akres: 0.59 ag. miles) is independent of the D.H. to Quinapoxet Res. But relative to the test flood it will only act to attenuate the peak flow. It is further assumed that no water will be pumped from the Quinapoxet Reservoir during the test flood pence Based on the drainage area characteristics described above, the peak test flood inflow to Quinapoxet Reservoir is based on the flat and coastal aurve of the NED Corps of Engineers "Peliminary Quidance for Estimating Maximum Probable Wacharges in Phase I Dam Safety Investigations".

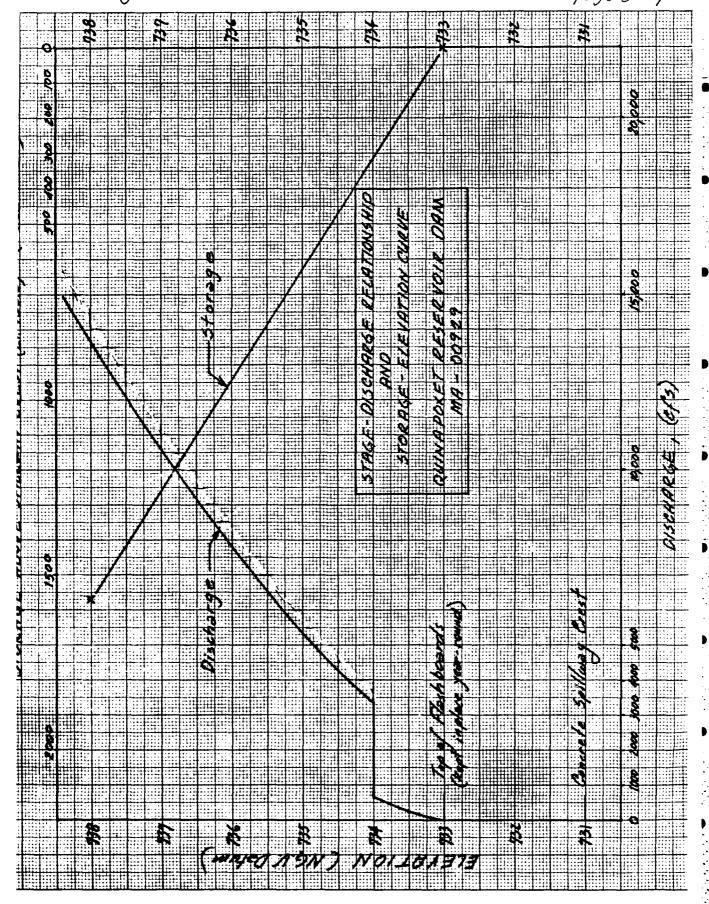
:. PMF = 650 csm x 19.85 sq. mi = 12,900 cfs

#### STAGE-DISCHARGE RELATIONSHIP

Reservoir Water Surface Ekvation	Spillwo Leng	erge	
(MEVO)	C-value	H-ft	Discharge, cfs
733.0 *	_		Zero (assumes drain pipe)
733.5	3.3	0.5	233
734.0**	3.4;3.2	1; 3	680;3326
735.0	3.4	4	5,440
736.0	3.5	5	1,826
737.0	3.6	6	10,580
<i>138.0</i>	3.7	7	13,700

NOTES:

- \* The concrete spillway crest is at elevation 731.0 however, normal operation is to keep 2-feet of flashboards along the length of the spillway year-round.
- \* The spillway flash boards are designed to collapse when the reservoir water level reaches El. 734.0±



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#### SURCHARGE-STORAGE ROUTING

Peak Test Flood Inflow,  $Q_p = 12,900 \text{ efs}$ ; Surcharge El. = 737.75

STOR, = Surcharge Storage =  $\frac{1495ac \cdot ft \times 12"/ft}{Drainage Area} = \frac{1495ac \cdot ft \times 12"/ft}{12,705 acres} = 1.412 inches

Out flow, <math>Q_p = Q_p(1 - \frac{5TOR_1}{19}) = 12,900(1 - 1.412) = 11,940 \text{ cfs} \rightarrow El.737.45$ 

5FOR = (100 x12)/12,705 = 1.322-in; 5FOR AUG = (1.412+1.322)/2=1.367-in.

Op2 = 12,900 (1- (1.367/19)) = 11,970,504 12,000 efs - FEl. 737.45

: Peak Inflow = 12,900 cfs
 Routed Peak Outflow = 12,000 cfs & Surcharge El. = 737.5 NGND

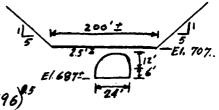
#### DRAIN CAPACITY @ spillway crest

Q = CA/29H where C = 0.60, A = 4x4 = 16.39. It is based on water surface C spillway Crost, E1. 733.0 = 733 702 = 31 ft Q = 0.60 (16)  $\sqrt{64.4(31 = 43.0)}$  cfs

#### TAILWATER ANALYSIS

Control Section is at Princetou St. Bridge 5

Orifice flow, Q = 0.7 (370) V61.4 H = 2078 H 0.5
= 2078 (WSE-696)



Channel flow over Rosdway 2 1.49 AR45 (0.01) = Qz

WSE	Orific	Orifice Flow C		Channel Flow		
(NGVO)	4'	Q,	A	R	$Q_z$	Total Dischary Efs
709 111	13 15	7490 8050	311 761	1.45 3.24	1980 8280	9,470

:. @ the routed test flood outflow of 12,000 cfs the tail water elevation is about 709.7 or about 2.2 fed over the roadway. Thus, the spillway downstream channel would overflow its banks and erode the dam embankme structure.

#### DAM FAILURE ANALYSIS

a. Project Discharge Prior to Dam Failure. Assume WSE @ routed peak test flood surcharge, E1. 737.5 (NGVD)

. Q= 12,000 cfs, which would overtop each street

on the downstream channel (Quinapoxet River) all the way to its point of discharge at the Wachusett Reservoir. The depth of water over each roadway would vary from 1.5 to about 4ft@ River St. One house at State Route 31 would be affected by water about 2 feet above its sill.

b. Project Discharge After Dam Failure, WSE = 737.5

G2= 8/27 (9) 12 Wb (4b) " where g = 32.2 St/sec Wb: width of failure section

Assume 40% of the mid-her. Length would fail = 480 x 0.4 = 192 ft

16 = height of failure section

= W3E - Toe of Dam E1 = 737.5 - 695 = 42.5 ft

\* 89,500 cfs

:. Q2 = 8/27 (32,2) 1/2 (192) (42.5) 1.5

Total Failure Flow = Qp = 89,500 + 12,000 = 101,500

Defermine the impact of a 100,000 cfs discharge on the

Reach 1 - Dam to Princeton Street immediately Ols of dam The section geometry was described on page 4 in the Tailwater Analysis

Stage-Discharge relationship

 WSE
 Orifice Flow
 Channel Flow
 Total Ficus

 717
 9,500
 51,000
 60,500

 722
 10,600
 97,800
 108,400

: WSE @ Princeton St would be 721 tor 13.5 ft above the road way and over 4-ft above the sill of a pouse on the right downstream bank.

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819

1619

2649

580

590

600

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@ a peak dam failure outflow of 100,000 cfs, WSE = 606 t before routing.

routed out flow = 100,000 (1- Storage in Resch) = 100,000 (1- 2506) = 51,500.

\$\int \text{Storage in Res.} \tag{5163} = 5163

@ Q = 51,500 cfs, WSE = 593t; Storage = 1476 & Aug Storage = 199/acfi routed outflow = 100,000 (1-\frac{1991}{5163}) = 61,400 of \$\int \text{500 of } \text{500 of }

say outflow & 61,500 cfs; corresponding WSE = 595.5 of about 26\$ feet over the roadway. About 14 houses would be affected by water depths of 2 to 15 feet.

Downstream of River Street, the area is undeveloped except for a couple of roadways which would be overtopped. The flood wove would attenuate in this area and dissipate into the Wachusett Reservoir.

In conclusion of the aforegoing analysis, the hazard resulting from a dam failure would be "HIGH" hazard

#### APPENDIX E

### INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DAMS

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